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Mysuru Trauma Centre to get 120 oxygenated beds

District Administration asks Private Hospitals to go for high-flow nasal oxygenation

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SSV)- Taking a serious note of spike in COVID-19 cases, the District Administration is planning to have around 120 oxygenated beds at the new and ultra-modern Mysuru Trauma Care Centre in PKTB premises on KRS Road which is being converted as another COVID-19 Hospital.

Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat told *Star of Mysore* that the purpose of having one more ICU with around 120 oxygenated beds was to treat all the patients suffering from Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza-like Illness (ILI). Discussion was on in this regard and a decision will be taken as early as possible.

Instruction to Private Hospitals

He said instruction has been given to all private hospitals to compulsorily go for high-flow nasal cannula oxygenation as this has distinct advantages over other oxygen devices because of its unique effects on respiratory physiology. In particular, adjustable oxygen delivery and flow-dependent carbon dioxide clearance reduce work of breathing during respiratory distress.

The private hospitals are asked to procure the medical equipment which is best suited for high-flow nasal cannula oxygenation.

Mysuru district requires around 22 KL oxygen daily, and finding the oxygen cylinder is little difficult at this juncture. In Karnataka, a Ballari-based company manufactures high-flow nasal oxygen, the DC said and added that he held talks with his Ballari counterpart to arrange the supply of it to Mysuru at the earliest. This will not only address the current shortage of oxygen in the district but will also reduce the burden on procurement of oxygen cylinders.

According to him, high-flow oxygen therapy is commonly used on patients with acute respiratory failure (hypoxemic respiratory failure) in the hospital system. Patients are usually in ICU or high dependency wards, and require assistance with respiration to stabilise breathing and control blood gases.

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The Big Con

City businessmen cheated of crores of rupees by Mumbai investment firms

- Investors belong to reputed families from city
- Case registered against 10 persons from Mumbai including a Mysurean
- Case now handed over to CID
- Another cheating case, but no complaint filed yet

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RK&KS)- Promising huge returns from investing in share markets, a group of Mumbai-based investment firms and stock brokers have allegedly cheated many businessmen in city of crores of rupees.

According to a complaint filed by one of the victims, H.G. Sharath, a resident of Vijayanagar, at Devaraja Police Station, Mumbai-based Manoj Javeri Stock Broking Pvt. Ltd., Trillion Capital Limited and MaxSurge Wealth Management Pvt. Ltd. and 10 Mumbai stock brokers and a point man in Mysuru have been named for cheating over 14 Mysureans to the tune of Rs. 7.5 crore.

The complaint states that Mumbai stock brokers, who collected crores of rupees from city businessmen are absconding. The accused are Shikha Hemang Shah, Rajdeep Manoj Javeri and Hemang Shah of Conard Securities Pvt. Ltd., Manoj Mohanchandra Javeri, Pramila Manoj Javeri and Alok Jain of Manoj Javeri Stock Broking Pvt. Ltd., Anil Upadhyaya, Radhika Anil and Ashok Karkal Devadas of Trillion Capital Limited and Mysuru-based Ravi Narayana Rao of MaxSurge Wealth Management Pvt. Ltd.

The complaint states that the local point man — Ravi Narayana Rao — of Kuvempunagar had connections with Mumbai stock brokers and would solicit people to invest with his firm promising huge returns.

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To Our Readers

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	73
Total positive cases	:	32,348
Discharges yesterday	:	20
Total discharges	:	26,081
Deaths yesterday	:	06
Total deaths	:	721
Total active cases	:	5,546

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 27th September 2020

Online session on 'Pandemic and its effect on business'

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, in association with Edin Synergy Global, had organised an online session on the current situation of the pandemic and its effect on business and the way forward through a digital platform on Sept. 22. It focused on 'COVID-19: New Paradigms and Realities.'

The session addressed issues like how to manage a business, logistics, staffing, and survival, in alignment amid the pandemic.

Col. Rahul Tewari, General Manager, Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, who had earlier served as a Commanding Officer of a 1,200 soldier strong regiment in the Indian Army and has commandeered a multi-nation UN peacekeeping force in Sudan, was the main speaker.

He said: "The pandemic affected the manufacturing and the service sector — hospitality, tours and travels, healthcare, retail banks, hotels, real estate, education, health, IT, recreation, media and others. It has literally

Col. Rahul Tewari

bought our social and economic life to a standstill. While COVID-19 has undeniably altered the economic landscape; Indian businesses have shown resilience in the face of adversity. Businesses will have to make varying degrees of adjustments to adapt to this altered landscape which will be the new normal for the foreseeable future. The economic impact of COVID-19 in India has been largely disruptive."

The moderator of the session was Hemalatha, Mentor and Consultant of Edin Synergy. The session was attended by more than 90 entrepreneurs, business leaders, CEOs, CHROs, HR professionals, doctors, academicians and other professionals.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

My erstwhile UN colleague and friend, the walking-talking lexicographer Shashi Tharoor, believes a Presidential system is the remedy for India's ailing democracy. The best antidote to the poison seeping into India's body politic would be for his party to reinvigorate itself as a credible Government-in-waiting. That riposte aside, the fault, dear Shashi, lies not in the system but in politicians who have corrupted the institutions. Shashi bemoans India's "unique breed of legislator, largely unqualified to legislate." Although pluralist democracy is "India's greatest strength", the Parliamentary system "has forced Governments to concentrate less on governing than on staying in office, and obliged them to cater to the lowest common denominator of their coalitions." I wonder, what does he think of President Donald Trump and the Democrats pandering to their respective base, and the resulting permanent gridlock currently paralysing America? As for Parliament serving "as a theatre for the demonstration of their power to disrupt", the US Congress leads the world in frustrating the executive's capacity to govern. The dystopian state of the union will be demonstrated in coming months with a bitter contest to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the US Supreme Court. Parliamentary systems provide greater administrative continuity and stability. A decisive and politically skilled head of Government has less checks on authority and Cabinet Governments have legislative majorities to implement policy programmes. Another reason for the stability of Parliamentary regimes is the separation of the executive (head of Government) and ceremonial (head of State) functions. The President is the leader of a particular party and offers a partisan option in public policy. The ceremonial office requires the head of State to play the role of representing the entire nation and standing above the fray of party politics: think President Dr. Abdul Kalam.

— Ramesh Thakur in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bug wears bodies of its victims as camouflage

New York: For various reasons, the assassin bug is a fascinating insect, but the one that really stands out is its gruesome camouflage, which consists of the carcasses of its victims glued to its back. There are around 7,000 known species of assassin bugs in the world, ranging from 4 to 40 mm in length and sharing the same formidable weapon – a sharp, curved, needle-like structure called a "rostrum". It's this rostrum that they use to stab their prey – usually other insects – and inject them with a poisonous saliva that liquifies their innards.

When the victim stops moving, the assassin bug will start slurping away at its inside, until only the shell remains. That shell is used by some assassin bug species as camouflage, and some specimens have been observed walking around with a mound of insect carcasses glued to their backs.

School teacher risks losing job for his appearance

Essonne: A heavily tattooed school teacher from Essonne, in France, named Sylvain, risks losing his job, because some parents don't approve of his full-body tattoo, which includes his face. The 35-year-old teacher, who goes by Freaky Hoody on social media, recently went on a French television channel to complain about the threat of losing his job strictly based on his appearance.

He claims that his superiors have asked him to no longer teach kindergarten children, after complaints from parents regarding his unconventional looks. Apparently, these people don't even have children in the classes he teaches, but they have an issue with his tattoos, which cover the vast majority of his body, including his face, and even his eyeballs.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much of a problem is animal waste in factory farms?

A USDA report has revealed that 61 million tons of manure is produced by factory farm animals each year. This equates to 130 times the volume of human waste, or five tons of manure for every US citizen.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	255
Total positive cases	:	10,057
Total discharges	:	8,391
Total deaths	:	99
Total active cases	:	1,567

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	63
Total positive cases	:	3,772
Total discharges	:	2,935
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	756

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	79
Total positive cases	:	2,514
Total discharges	:	2,044
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	437

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	239
Total positive cases	:	15,216
Total discharges	:	12,345
Total deaths	:	268
Total active cases	:	2,603

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A shopkeeper's son had trouble with his eyes. He took the boy to an eye-specialist who operated upon and replaced the boy's eyes with those donated by a Minister. A few days after the operation, the doctor asked the father, "How's your son doing?" "He is fine," replied the father, "but he keeps on gazing at a chair whenever he finds one!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.70
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.93
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.07
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to MCC, Sharadadevinagar staff

Sir,

With reference to payment of property tax, I would like to share my experience at MCC Zonal Office in Sharadadevinagar. On Sept.22, I visited the Office at 10 am with a photocopy of last year's tax paid receipt. I was rightly directed to a very right staff.

He looked into my receipt, offered a seat, may be looking at my grey hair, and was working with the computer. After some time, he told me that PID is yet to be created for my property, so whether it would be possible for me to come in the afternoon. I readily accepted.

He noted my phone number and said he would call me once it is ready. In no time at 12.20 pm I got a call from him asking me to come to office and pay the tax. He was even good enough to say that the Bank is open only till 1.30 pm.

Immediately I rushed, stood in the queue which was short, in spite of maintaining social distance and paid the tax. Hope, the same attitude will be shown by all the staff towards all the tax-payers. Once again, kudos to MCC-Sharadadevinagar staff.

—Asha Kamath
Sharadadevinagar
22.9.2020

Govt. slashes RT-PCR rates for early detection of COVID-19

Now Rs. 1,600 per test in Private Laboratories; Rs. 1,200 for samples sent by Govt. to Private Labs

Bengaluru, Sept.27 (SSV)- In a bid to encourage more and more people to undergo test for early detection of COVID-19, the State Government has put a ceiling rate for RT-PCR testing in private laboratories including screening test and confirmatory test at Rs. 1,600 per test inclusive of the cost of PPE kit. Earlier it was Rs. 2,500 for private samples in private laboratories.

In a press release here, Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, said as the rates of RT-PCR reagents have come down, the Task Force Committee has now considered the issue of re-fixation of rates for RT-PCR to be charged by the private laboratories and has ordered to re-fix the rate of COVID-19.

Accordingly, the rate of RT-PCR testing for the samples sent by Government in private laboratories including screening test and confirmatory test is Rs. 1,200 per test inclusive of the cost of PPE kit. Earlier, it was Rs. 1,500 per test.

It may be mentioned here that the State Government has cut the rate for RT-PCR by about 40-45 per cent in order to encourage more and more population to undergo testing to detect the Coronavirus early as it helps in recovery of patients.

Even Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his virtual interaction with the Chief Ministers of seven States which are contributing for 80 per cent of Corona positive cases and deaths, had recommended for more testing by convincing people for early detection of the pandemic.

Doctors too have opined that getting the test soon after the symptoms will definitely save lives of people. Keeping that in view, the State Government has now reduced the rate for RT-PCR testing across the State with immediate effect.

Yuva Parivartakas: DYES invites applications from youths

Mysuru, Sept.27- The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) in association with Epidemiology Department, Jana Arogya Samsthe and NIMHANS, Bengaluru, under the State Government-funded project entitled "Development and implementation of integrated mental health services for youth," has invited applications from eligible candidates to undergo basic training for Yuva Parivartakas.

Candidates must have completed Bachelor's degree or higher courses. Service-oriented candidates, aged between 21 and 35 years, having fluency in spoken Kannada, willing to work in the community and travel in Mysuru district with excellent communication skills are eligible to apply.

Those interested are requested to submit their applications at Department office in Chamundi Vihar Stadium with all necessary documents before Oct. 3. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2444922 or Mob: 96110-69973, according to a press release.

Mysore Varsity hosts National Conference on NEP-2020

New Education Policy focusses on social justice and equality, says Task Force Member

Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar seen addressing as others look on.

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that the National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020 is built on the foundational pillars of Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability and Accountability, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the NEP recommends many transformational ideas for school education.

He was speaking after inaugurating a one-day National Conference on National Education Policy - 2020, organised by Mysore University Shaikshik Sangh (MUSS) at Vignana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, yesterday.

Pointing out that NEP is the first education policy of the 21st century which aims to address the many growing developmental imperatives of our country, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that many stalwarts from time to time have argued for a better education system for India.

Noting that the NEP is aligned to the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, he said that the NEP in effect until now was 34- years-old and an apt vision was needed to meet the aspirations of a New India.

Quoting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who had observed that everyone has a right to learn, the VC said that NEP is an ambitious and futuristic policy that ensures opportunities for children to hone their talents by fixing the lacunae in the education system.

Continuing, he said the new policy seeks rectification of poor literacy and numeracy outcomes associated with primary schools, reduction in drop-out levels in middle and secondary schools and adoption of multi-disciplinary approach in the higher education system. "Though NEP seeks to bring a holistic change in the education system of our country, its success depends on the will and way in which it is introduced. Although the intent seems to be ideal in many ways, it is the implementation that is key to success of policy," he observed.

The Chief Speaker, MLC Arun Shahapur, who is also Member of Task Force, NEP, Government of Karnataka, said that NEP-2020 focusses on social justice and equality. Stressing on the need for keeping up with the times, he said that the policy has chosen the best among Karnataka models of education that were in place so far.

Stating that NEP-2020 is a 65-page document prepared after a careful study of the Kasturirangan Committee Report which undertook a 16-month study of various systems of education and gathered over 2 lakh suggestions from among all sections of society and all stakeholders, Shahapur said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi must be credited for giving special attention and priority to districts and locations that are particularly socio-economically disadvantaged.

Continuing, he said that another key aspect of school education in the new policy is the breaking of strict division of Arts, Science and Commerce streams in high schools.

Pointing out that the new policy aims to do away with marking system, he said that the focus is now on the credit system.

Referring to the opposition to the new policy from some quarters, the MLC dismissed the opposition saying that the policy is being opposed only for the sake of it. Claiming that some people have brought the tri-language policy to the fore only to oppose the NEP, he said that there is already a three-language policy in Karnataka and this exposes the hollowness of those opposing the policy.

Since education is a concurrent subject that allows both the Centre and the State Governments to make laws on it, the reforms proposed in the policy can only be implemented collaboratively by the Centre and the States, he noted and added that over all the policy is aimed at bringing a holistic change at all levels of education in the country.

Earlier, Shivananda Sindanakera, General Secretary, Akhila Bharatiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh, New Delhi, delivered the introductory speech.

UoM Registrar (Administration) Prof. R. Shivappa, Prof. C. Basavaraju, Director and Chairman, School of Law and Department of Law, UoM, MUSS Secretary Prof. M.R. Gangadhar and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SSLC supplementary, Degree exams postponed

The SSLC supplementary exam, which was scheduled to be conducted on Sept. 28, has been postponed to Sept. 29, due to 'Karnataka Bandh' called by farmers' organisations, according to a circular issued by the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board yesterday. Accordingly, Science/ Political Science in the morning session and Karnatak/ Hindustani Music in the afternoon, which were scheduled for tomorrow, will now be held on Sept. 29.

Also, all the UG and PG exams of University of Mysore scheduled for Sept. 28 have been postponed due to 'Karnataka Bandh,' according to the UoM Registrar.

Degree Colleges to open from Nov. 1

The UGC has issued fresh guidelines for opening Graduate and Post-Graduate Colleges for the year 2020-21. Accordingly, colleges will reopen from Nov. 1. The Colleges will have to complete the admission process by Oct. 31 and the first year classes will commence from Nov. 1. In case there is delay in the announcement of qualifying exam, the concerned Universities can start colleges from Nov. 18. The first semester exam will have to be held between Mar. 8 and 26, 2021.

IAS coaching

Free coaching classes will be conducted for IAS aspirants under the aegis of Karnataka State Brahmins Development Board. The classes will be conducted under the Chanakya Administrative Training scheme, through online, said Board Director and noted Vedic Scholar Dr. Bhanuprakash Sharma. Interested Brahmin candidates may submit their applications before Sept. 30 by logging on to https://ksbdb.karnataka.gov.in

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.25 ft
Yesterday	123.95 ft
Inflow	10,935 cusecs
Outflow	5,898 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.94 ft
Inflow	3,353 cusecs
Outflow	3,677 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.88 ft
Inflow	1,304 cusecs
Outflow	1,350 cusecs

Development of Satellite Townships

"MUDA's joint plan with private players helpful"

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev speaking at an interaction programme organised by NAREDCO, Mysuru, at Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city recently.

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SPN&DM)- Stating that private players and all other stakeholders are helpful in the development of Satellite Townships, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev said MUDA's joint plan is key for providing shelter to all the shelterless.

He was speaking at an interaction programme on 'Joint Land Development Plan' organised by National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Mysuru, at Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club at the foot of Chamundi Hill here recently.

Stating that he has visited about 30 places across the city where there are lands belonging to MUDA, Rajeev said that he discovered that lands ranging from 30,000 sq. ft. to 1.5 lakh sq. ft. were vacant at some places. It is proposed to construct multi-floor apartments in such vacant spaces, he said. Continuing, he said that there are plans to construct more than 6,000 houses with two slab rates — Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 lakh and Rs. 20 to Rs. 25 lakh.

Highlighting that MUDA is focussing on building houses for the middle class at affordable rates, Rajeev said that there are 80,000 applications seeking sites, pending before MUDA as of now.

Pointing out that some of the applicants are found to have purchased sites or houses elsewhere, he said that MUDA has planned to link Aadhaar and PAN card to the applications in order to avoid duplication of allotment.

The names of such applicants, who are found to have purchased sites or houses, will be dropped from the list and the rest will be provided sites based on seniority, he asserted.

An interaction on the pros and cons of forming layouts on a 50:50 basis after acquiring land from farmers was held, during which senior advocate Dheerendra Kumar Mehta said that it is a challenge to develop layouts based on 50:50 partnership with land owners. He opined that forming layout after purchasing land and paying compensation in full to farmers is a better option than 50:50 sharing.

Businessman Manoj Lodha, NAREDCO Mysuru office-bearers N. Divyesh, Adisheshan Gowda, M.L. Nagesh, S. Phaniraj and others were present.

Elected unopposed for Mysuru District Co-operative Union

G.T. Devegowda

H.V. Rajeev

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RKB&DM)- Fourteen candidates, including MLA G.T. Devegowda and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, have been elected unopposed to the District Co-operative Union.

Those elected are as follows: G.T. Devegowda, B.N. Sadanand, B. Mahadevaswamy, T.P. Boregowda, K.K. Harish and T. Ramegowda (all from Primary Credit Co-operative Societies seats and Primary Co-operative, Agriculture and Rural Development Banks seats), H.V. Rajeev (Housing Co-operative Societies seat), J. Suneetha Veerappagowda (Women Co-operative Societies seat), K.S. Kumar and K. Eeeregowda (Milk Producers Co-operative Societies), M.B. Manjegowda (Urban Co-operative Banks seat), Y. Bhyrappa (TAPCMS seat), H.S. Prashant Tatachar (Credit Co-operative Societies seat) and P. Satish (SC/ST Co-operative Societies seat).

The election to the remaining one seat (Multi-purpose and Other Co-operative Societies) for the 15-member Body will take place on Oct. 1, for which Shivarajarao and Hanumanalu Siddegowda are contesting, according to Electoral Officer K.S. Harishkumar.

New Parliament Building to be ready within 21 months: Speaker

New Delhi, Sept. 27 (UNI)- Speaker Om Birla on Friday said that the work on the construction of the New Parliament Building has started and that it would be completed within 21 months.

On conclusion of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, referring to various historic achievements of the Session at the Parliament House, Birla said, "Both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha are the images of our democracy and extensive debates and discussions were held in both the Houses of Parliament during the Session."

He also mentioned that all Members of Parliament (MPs), media persons, and officials of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats underwent the COVID-19 test. In all, more than 8,700 COVID-19 tests were administered during the Session.

Speaker Om Birla

On the occasion, Birla emphasised that the dignity of the House and its Chair is an important aspect of the Parliamentary system and "it is the duty of all members to respect the highest values that our democracy represents."

He added that with the help of all political parties and members, the productivity of Lok Sabha was at a historic 167 percent.

He also informed that despite the threat of COVID-19, the average attendance of MPs, during this Session was very high, which sends a very positive message and strengthens peoples' faith in the democratic institutions.

Birla also said that the Lok Sabha sat for 60 hours instead of the allotted time of 37 hours. In fact, despite the curtailment of the Session due to COVID-19, the Lok Sabha was able to function optimally with minimal loss of productivity.

Observing that democratic traditions in India are deep-rooted, Birla said that since 1952 when the first Lok Sabha elections were held, the faith of people in the Parliamentary form of Government has increased and continued efforts should be made on how to further strengthen the democratic institutions.

Referring to recent reports on Question Hour, Birla said that members were given regular opportunities to raise matters concerning peoples' welfare.

Gram Panchayat elections likely in two months

Bengaluru, Sept. 27- With the State Election Commission writing to the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) of Karnataka to begin preparations for Gram Panchayat polls, the election to over 5,800 Gram Panchayats of the State is likely to be held in October or November, 2020.

The Election Commission has also appealed the State Government to release adequate funds and provide security for the conduct of polls.

The Commission has also issued the SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the conduct of polls in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

The Gram Panchayat elections are overdue as their tenure ended in May/ June this year.

The polls could not take place because of COVD-19 spread and other administrative reasons.

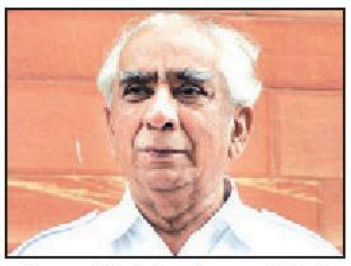
Former Union Minister
Jaswant Singh dies at 82

New Delhi, Sept. 27- Former Union Minister Jaswant Singh passed away this morning in Delhi. He was 82.

Singh, who was from Rajasthan, had served as the Foreign Minister, Defence Minister and Finance Minister. He was an officer in the Indian Army in the 1950s and 60s, but he later resigned to pursue a career in politics.

He died today at 6.55 am at Delhi's Army Hospital (Research & Referral) where he was admitted in June. "It is with profound grief that we inform about the sad demise of Honourable Major Jaswant Singh (Retired), former Cabinet Minister of government of India at 0655 hours on 27 September 2020. He was admitted on 25 Jun 2020 and being treated for Sepsis with Multiorgan Dysfunction Syndrome and effects of Severe Head Injury old (Optd) had a Cardiac arrest this morning," a statement from the hospital said.

"Despite the best efforts of the attending team of specialists to resuscitate him, he could not be revived and passed away at 0655 hours on 27 Sep 2020. His COVID status is negative," it further said.



Former Minister Jaswant Singh

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote: "Jaswant Singh Ji served our nation diligently, first as a soldier and later during his long association with politics. During Atal Ji's Government, he handled crucial portfolios and left a strong mark in the worlds of finance, defence and external affairs. Saddened by his demise."

In another post, PM Modi said that he spoke to Singh's family and expressed condolences.

A former officer of the Indian Army, Singh had contested the 2014 Lok Sabha elections as an Independent candidate from Barmer district in Rajasthan after he did not get a BJP ticket. He lost to Colonel Sona Ram of the BJP.

Singh served as the Minister for Finance, Minister for Defence and Minister for External Affairs under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government. In 2009, he was expelled from the saffron party after he praised Muhammad Ali Jinnah in his book '*Jinnah: India, Partition, Independence.*' While he was later inducted into the party, he parted ways in 2014.

Singh had been frequently criticised by political parties for escorting terrorists to Kandhahar, Afghanistan. They were released by the Government of India in exchange for passengers from a hijacked Indian Airlines plane.

Trauma Centre

(Continued from page 1)

The District Administration is taking all possible steps to be completely ready to deal with the situation in the wake of sudden increase in Corona positive cases and casualties in the last two months.

As on Saturday, the district has 32,348 positive cases, 5,546 active cases and 721 deaths. Over 500 new positive cases are reported in the city and district thus forcing the District Administration to take urgent steps such as appealing people to go for voluntary RT-PCR test instead of Rapid Antigen Test and a 'mask drive' against people not wearing face masks in public places.

It may be recalled that former DC Abhiram G. Sankar, while addressing the Task Force meeting of Chamaraja Constituency along with MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and Corporator M.U. Subbaiah at ZP Hall recently, had said that the Trauma Centre can accommodate 246 beds and 46 ventilators.

"All the patients suffering from SARI and ILI at the K.R. Hospital at present will be shifted to this Trauma Centre and the K.R. Hospital will be reserved to treat non-COVID patients. The Trauma Hospital is a second major advanced facility to treat COVID patients after the District Hospital that has now been converted into an exclusive facility to treat virus-infected patients," he said.

Obituary

Vyramudi

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Vyramudi

(78), retired KSRTC driver and a resident of Gayathripuram 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, passed away last night at a private hospital in city following heart attack. He leaves behind three sons, a daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon.

Thimmegowda

Pandavapura: Thimmegowda (66), member of Chikkade Gram Panchayat (GP) in the taluk, passed away yesterday morning at a private hospital in Mysuru. He was ailing for some time.

He leaves behind his wife and two sons.

Last rites were performed at his farm on the outskirts of Chikkade village.

Giant crocodile rescued from well

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY& SSV)- A 750-kg-weighing crocodile was rescued from a well in agriculture field at Chennabasavana Hundi in T. Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district yesterday.

A team of Forest Department officials, led by Range Forest Officer (RFO) Shashidhar, took 12-hours to lift crocodile from the well.

On Friday evening, villagers saw a big crocodile in the well belonging to one Tripura and informed the Department Officers. They reached the spot and confirmed the presence of a big crocodile inside the well. Since the well was situated in a private land, they took permission from the senior officials for rescue operation. Later, some employees from Mysuru Zoo also joined operation.

The crocodile was aged around 35 years, 8 foot long and weighing around 750 kg. Since the well was 15 feet to 20 feet deep, it proved difficult for the personnel to rescue it. So, they emptied water with the help of four pump-sets. Then they captured the giant crocodile, shifted it to Aranya Bhavan in Mysuru. Later, as per instruction of senior officials, it was taken to Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district.

Locals say this is for the second time that they are seeing such a big crocodile in recent years. Last time, a crocodile was spotted in an agricultural field after it came along the flood waters in River Cauvery near Mudukuthore.

The Forest Officials are baffled from where this gigantic crocodile came and since how many days it was in well. Hundreds of people had gathered at the spot to have the glimpse of the 'giant visitor.'

The rescue operation was carried out by DRFO S.M. Manjunath, M.S. Umesh, Chandrappa Lamani, Manjunath, Nagaraju, Papu and the staff of Mysuru Zoo.

Farmer killed in bike collision

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RK&KS)- A farmer was killed when two bikes collided head-on near Kaniyanahundi village in H.D. Kote taluk last afternoon.

Rudregowda

The deceased farmer is Rudregowda (45), son of Eeregowda of Kaniyanahundi. Rudregowda was proceeding on his bike from his farm land towards his house and when he took a turn, another bike which came on Bogadi Main Road, rammed into the bike Rudregowda was riding, resulting in him suffering serious injuries.

Though the public rushed him to a nearby private hospital, the doctors, who examined him at the hospital declared him, brought dead.

Deceased Rudregowda leaves behind his wife and two sons.

H.D. Kote Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary in city, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

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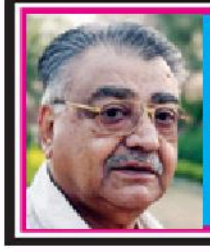

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By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 11

Kempaiah IPS: Officer Who Made A Difference-1

While writing about L. Revannasiddaiah IPS, who was SP in Mysore District, I had said that I would be writing about another IPS Officer in this series whom I know, Kempaiah. Here I am recalling his days in Mysore and the invaluable service he rendered to the Police Department.

It was he and he alone who provided absolute infrastructure to City Police Department which was collapsing at that time being neglected for many years in the past. Police Stations were of many decades old, without any maintenance, some were highly dilapidated and even dangerous to be used so much so the neglect could be seen looking at the partially collapsed compound walls and the peeling of plaster from the walls and the ceiling. The Devaraja Police Station housed in the Northern Wing of the Devaraja Market upstairs partially collapsed and had to be shifted to Dhanvanthri Road inside K.R. Hospital. He also radically changed the very character of **Policing** like Revannasiddaiah and another unassuming Police Commissioner H.R. Kasturirangan.

While writing about Revannasiddaiah I had also written, in a context, that how I learnt my first business management lesson. I had described it as, "If the Boss means business, business is done." Police down the hierarchy, down the line of order, will deliver when they know the Boss, IPS Officer, means business and expects results. Kempaiah was one such Officer who always meant business.

Kempaiah's fame as a Tough Police Officer had preceded his arrival here in August 1996 and we were happy. One reason for his fame was, of course, his role in arresting the prime accused in the Rajiv Gandhi murder case Sivarasan in Konanakunte outside Bengaluru. I learn a movie was made about Kempaiah IPS in Kannada though I have not seen it. However, it was proof for his popularity among the masses. No wonder the Government put him in charge of STF set up to catch the notorious sandalwood smuggler and elephant poacher Veerappan who later turned a kidnapper to extort ransom, operating in MM Hills area.

It was reported that Kempaiah was on his track about to get the brigand but was transferred! However, it was of great credit to Kempaiah's labour in STF that the then Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu J. Jayalalithaa praised Kempaiah for his good work in STF in an interview with the BBC. A testimony par excellence for any Police Officer.

Since I have too much to recall Kempaiah's service nostalgically, I will have this column published in two or three parts. This first part will narrate his service as a Police Commissioner from Aug. 1996 to Dec. 1999.

There are very few officers in IAS and IPS who really make a difference. Who are not just Government Servants, in the sense the colonial rulers considered them, but Social Servants. Amongst such few noble, 'seva-minded' bureaucrats, I include Kempaiah as one good shining example. He was as much a Government Servant as he was the Servant of the People. That is the reason why no matter where he was posted he bloomed and spread his fragrance. He indeed left his footprints on the sands of time by his honest, non-compromising, most committed Government service and social service activities. Yes, he went beyond the call of his official duty.

As a journalist, I have seen him discharging his duties as the Police Commissioner of Mysore. A very modest and soft-spoken person, almost self-effacing in public, but a man of steel when it came to administering his department and supervising his personnel. He was unobtrusive in his Command-Control methods, while at the same time, won the goodwill of his subordinate officers. Naturally, his orders, many times like requests (!), worked as a motivating *mantra* for his officers and men.

Kempaiah was also deeply concerned with the welfare of his men in uniform. No wonder he was the brain behind the Police Bhavan, off Lalitha Mahal Palace Road, which stands today like a living monument for his administrative ability and vision. What motivated him to undertake such a daunting construction work costing a huge amount?

This was what he told me: "Our men, constables specially, can't afford the high rental of Kalyana Mantaps though like all parents they too wish to celebrate their children's wedding in a good Kalyana Mantap. Why not we have our own with money raised according to a plan I have envisaged?" Despite objection from an NGO about its earlier location, which in my opinion was justified, he succeeded by shifting it to the present location.

But then, sometimes what we do as public service seems to be a thankless job with envious people around anxious to run away with the credit which in fact is due to someone else. I understand, this has happened in the case of Kempaiah too. I am told that while the Police Bhavan was under construction, at the stage of completion, Kempaiah was transferred abruptly under S.M. Krishna's new dispensation. The building was later completed and was inaugurated too but Kempaiah was conspicuous by his absence at the function. I do not know if he voluntarily absented himself from the function or he was not invited or more correctly not properly invited.

Whatever it is, I am told that at the function the chief guest Mallikarjun Kharge, the then Home Minister, was sent a slip by a member of the audience asking him to recognise the service of Kempaiah and also that of late K.S. Thammaiah (then Dy.SP Nanjangud) who worked like a *maestri* supervising the work, by mentioning their names. Of course, Kharge was kind enough to do so. Let it be.

Our city, however, indeed owes a debt of gratitude to this officer for too many reasons. Of course, the first and foremost was for doing the job well for which he was appointed — Policing. But apart from his basic responsibilities, Kempaiah has served our city in many other ways both departmentally and socially. It is indeed difficult for me to enumerate every one of them, as I am not really in the know of what Kempaiah was doing. But then, certain achievements and contributions that were visible should be mentioned here.

[To be continued]

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The Big Con

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It is alleged that Ravi had managed to get investments ranging from Rs. 20 to Rs. 60 lakh from each investor over a period of one year. He had even organised a meeting of investors at a star hotel in city on June 30, 2019 and hosted a grand party for them. At this party, which was attended by a few Mumbai stock brokers, a few local businessmen who had received their returns on investment, gave their testimony which then convinced other potential investors to part with their money. The investors were told that the minimum investment amount was Rs. 25 lakh and the maximum limit was Rs. 10 crore.

The "investor meet" was a success and soon many prominent businessmen invested large amounts of money. After getting their return for the first three months they were impressed and they soon convinced other relatives to invest. Once a huge amount of investment money was collected the payments stopped. The investors could not contact Ravi and they could not contact any of the Mumbai stock brokers either after which a complaint was filed. Some of the complainants said that many others have also invested much more money but they are not coming forward as they fear embarrassment or because they have no record of payment. It is suspected that these Mumbai stock brokers may have cheated many others across the country.

Devaraja Police had taken up the investigation. The case has now been transferred to the CID.

Another CON yet to be reported?

While the victims of Mumbai stock brokers have filed a complaint, another similar Ponzi scheme might be uncovered soon, according to sources in the city's finance groups.

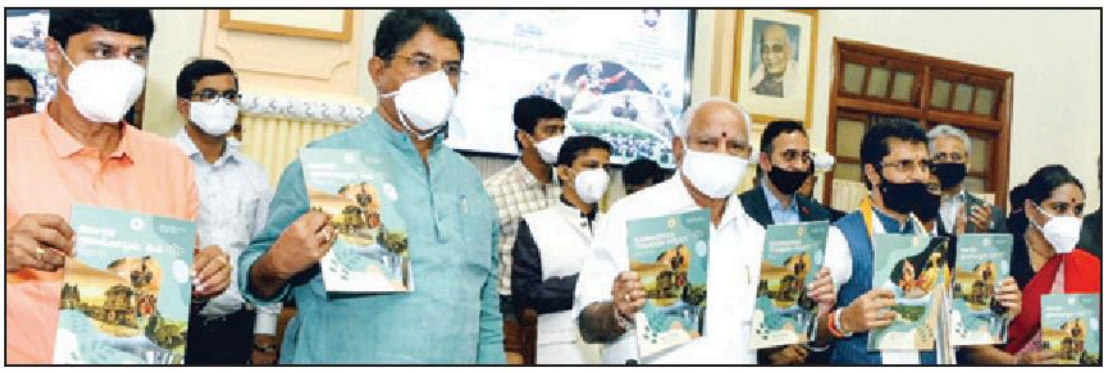
It is being said that a resident at one of the city's largest apartment complex located in Yadavagiri has disappeared after making Mysureans invest crores of rupees with him. He too claimed he was a stock broker, who could give huge returns.

This stock broker was known to own very expensive sports cars including an exclusive Italian sports SUV, one among a handfull in India! It seems he too, like the Mumbai stock brokers, had one or two point men who introduced their friends and fellow club members to him. After these potential investors were impressed with his luxury lifestyle, they trusted him with their money, hoping they too could get rich like him.

This stock broker has been absconding since 20 days, but no complaint has been filed. Sources say the reason for this could be that most of the investments were made in cash, which means there is no legal record they had invested with him. Even though Police have got oral complaints, not a single investor has come forward to register a complaint, according to V.V. Puram Police.

CM unveils New Tourism Policy

Impetus to culture of Lambani and Advasi Communities



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa unveiled a new Tourism Policy 2020-25 at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru this morning. Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi, Revenue Minister R. Ashok, MLC Y.A. Narayanaswamy and KSTDC Chairperson Shruthi are seen.

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SSV)- At a time when tourism is hit hard due to COVID-19, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa unveiled 'Karnataka Tourism Policy' for the year 2020-25 this morning.

The policy was launched today to coincide with World Tourism Day. United Nations World Tourism Organisation has designated 2020 as the Year of Tourism and Rural Development. Karnataka tourism will be actively promoting 'Agri Tourism' this year to highlight the fascinating facts of rural Karnataka. While showcasing the exquisite talents of the region, the focus is to preserve and have an effect of inclusive development and community participation. Also, culture of Lambani and Adivasi communities will be given the needed impetus.

Tourism, Kannada and Culture Minister, C.T. Ravi said that Karnataka is a land of glorious tradition, rich culture and artistic excellence. Nature's exotic playground is a royal retreat for every traveller. The main aim of this new tourism policy is to ensure that every visitor to this beautiful land should take back satisfying experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020-25 POLICY

- **Karnataka has unveiled its new Tourism Policy to generate over 10 lakh direct and indirect jobs in the sector and Rs. 5,000 crore investments by 2025.**
- **The Government aims to increase the contribution of tourism from 15.8 per cent to 20 per cent of GSDP by 2025.**
- **360 degree marketing strategy shall be adopted to promote Karnataka in domestic and key international markets and to leverage Karnataka's brand of 'One State, Many Worlds' to attract higher tourist footfalls to position Karnataka as a most preferred destination.**
- **Agri Tourism and Rural Tourism are the core tourism themes of the Policy with the objective to promote not just with agriculture and farming activities but also various aspects of rural life in Karnataka such as local cuisine, culture, traditions, arts, etc.**
- **Steps to popularise culture of *Lambani* and *Adivasi* communities at both national and international levels.**
- **Comprehensive development of tourism sector in the State with focus on the 5As — Attraction, Accommodation, Accessibility, Amenities and Activities.**
- **Heritage Tourism shall be promoted with focus on 2Es — Explore and Experience.**

Tourism Day celebrated in city

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (PM&SSV)- As part of World Tourism Day, Mysuru Travels Association celebrated it by distributing Mysorepak and roses to tourists in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, this morning.

In view of restriction on procession due to COVID-19, the Association members dressed in traditional attire — Mysore silk panche, shirt, shallya and peta — and welcomed visitors with a slogan 'Mysore is open... it is safe... visit without tension.'

The usual procession from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to welcome tourists at Railway Station was cancelled due to the pandemic. Instead, they went in open jeeps and gave away the Mysorepak and roses to tourists at Jayamarthanda and Balarama Gates of the Palace.

Association Hon. President B.S. Prashanth said that Mysuru city is now opened for tourists and following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) as suggested by the Government of India to make the city safe for them. All tourist spots — Palace, Zoo and Brindavan Gardens — have been thrown open to tourists since Sept. 7, after nearly seven months of closure following outbreak of the pandemic. Thousands of families are directly or indirectly dependent on tourism sector. "We want to give a message 'Mysore is safe. Visit without tension'.

Association President H. Shivalingaiah, Hon. President C.A. Jayakumar, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, David, Abhinandan and A.C. Ravi were present.

K-SET exam held

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RKB&DM)- Amidst uncertainty over the conduct of exam due to the COVID-19 crisis this year, the K-SET (Karnataka State Eligibility Test) — written exam for appointment of Assistant Professors in Degree Colleges of the State — was finally held at 11 district headquarters across the State, including Mysuru, with all mandatory COVID-19 precautionary & safety measures this morning.

The University of Mysore (UoM) is the nodal agency for the conduct of exam, which was held at 11 places — Mysuru, Bengaluru, Tumakuru, Davanagere, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Dharwad, Mangaluru, Shivamogga, Ballari and Belagavi.

A total of 1,06,500 candidates from across the State had registered for this year's exam, which took place after a gap of two years, with the last one held in 2018. The exam was held for 41 subjects, with two papers (First paper - 9 am to 10.30 am and second paper - 11 am to 1 pm).

Due to COVID-19 crisis, the UoM had postponed the date of exams twice and had also extended the deadline for the submission of applications thrice.

In Mysuru, the exam was held at 35 centres spread across the city. A record number of 20,500 candidates had registered for centres in the city, it is learnt.

Karnataka Bandh: Normal life to be affected

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (MTY&DM)- With a host of organisations expressing support to the Karnataka Bandh called by farmer organisations tomorrow (Sept. 28) in protest against the recent amendments to Land Reforms, APMC, Electricity and Labour Acts effected by the Government, the Bandh is likely to affect normal life in city and district.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Hoskote Basavaraj, an office-bearer of Raitha-Dalita-Karmikara Aikya Horata Samiti, which has taken the lead in calling for the Bandh, said that around 600 members of various organisations will assemble in front of the KSRTC Sub-urban bus stand at 6.30 am tomorrow when it will be decided on taking out marches across the city.

Claiming that several Trader Associations of APMC, Devaraja Market, Santhepet etc., have extended support to the Bandh, he said that there will be no forcible closure of shops and people from almost all sections of the society have voluntarily backed the bandh.

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At last, a solution to manage building waste on the anvil

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SBD& SSV)- For Sustainable Materials Management (SMM), the Standing Committee on Works of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has agreed to set up a unit to deal with Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste which has become a big headache to deal with it. It will be a joint venture project between the MCC and a private firm.

The Works Committee meeting held here in the Old Council Hall here on Thursday and took this decision. The same will be tabled before the General Body meeting where members will deliberate. Once approved, the work on identifying a suitable land will begin.

In the absence of proper management, construction and demolition materials consist of the debris generated during the construction, renovation and demotion of buildings within the city and the surrounding villages, are dumped on both the sides of Ring Road, tank area, vacant plots and roadside. This was not only a health hazard but also marring the beauty of the city.

Susthira Foundation President Ramesh Kikkeri and other like-minded persons have come forward to manage the C&D waste. In return, the MCC has agreed to give a piece of land as well as to co-operate with the Government to deal with this issue. The project was explained before the Work's committee meeting and got the approval.

Ramesh Kikkeri told SOM, "the Ring Road is stinking. The building waste is dumped everywhere including tank area or vacant plot. There is no meaning to sit and wait for the Government to do everything. As citizens of the city, they need to keep Mysuru clean. In the wake of this, the company has submitted C&D waste management scheme."

He said C. Shikha, who was former Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru, had identified eight acres of land for the building waste management. The waste is dumped there and other items like sand, stone, soil, glass and iron are separated in crusher plant. Later, the nice powder can be used for bricks and also for readymade concrete. There is a scope for the reuse of iron materials. Rules prescribe using reused materials in Government works. Even Builders' Association of India (BAI), Nirmithi Kendra, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and others have promised help. MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde is giving full co-operation, he added.

Karnataka Bandh tomorrow

Hotel owners to extend only moral support

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Hotel owners of the city have decided to extend only moral support to Karnataka Bandh called by a host of farmer, labour and social organisations tomorrow (Sept. 28) in protest against the recent amendments to Land Reforms, APMC and Labour Acts, enacted by the Government.

In a press release, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association said that hotels come under essential services and the industry is tottering for survival due to COVID crisis.

The hotel industry is yet to look up post-lockdown relaxations.

Hotels, which are bound to provide food for Corona Warriors such as Doctors, Nurses, other Health Workers, Civic Workers and the Police during Corona crisis, are recognised as an essential service along with other listed essential services and goods.

As such, all hotels will remain open on Sept. 28.

The Association, while backing the cause of the farming community, will extend only moral support to the Bandh, the release said.

Karnataka Gramin Bank employees to stage stir

To launch indefinite rotational stir in front of Head Office at Ballari from Sept. 29

Mysuru, Sept. 27- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, Karnataka Gramin Bank Employees and Officers will launch an indefinite rotational stir in front of the Bank's Head Office at Ballari from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15.

The demands include scientific deployment of Human Resources, regularisation of casual employees as per a CGIT (Central Government Industrial Tribunal) order, termination of contract system of employment, granting of facilities that are in force at Lead Bank, clearance of all retirement benefits on the day of retirement of employees, introduction of a scientific transfer policy, payment of holiday wages to all casual employees, sanction of holidays to COVID-19 infected and quarantined employees and withdrawal of the Management's decision to close down ten branches of the Bank, among others.

One-time COVID cash relief

Over 2.15 lakh auto, cab drivers benefited

Bengaluru, Sept. 27 (KMS& DM)- Even as auto drivers are complaining that many of them are yet to get one-time COVID cash relief announced by the State Government a few months ago amidst the COVID-induced lockdown, the Government on Thursday told the Assembly that 2.15 lakh auto and cab drivers have been benefited by the scheme.

Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy, speaking at the Assembly on Thursday, said that the Govt. has so far received only 2.46 lakh applications for the one-time COVID cash relief scheme, out of which 2.15 lakh have been benefited. Pointing out that the cash relief was aimed to cover over 7 lakh auto and cab drivers of the State, the Minister said that, however, eligible drivers who are not benefited, can still apply for cash relief, with the Government committed for giving more time for applying.

Pending bills: MCC Contractors warn of stopping works from Oct. 3

Mysuru, Sept. 27 (RK&DM)- With less than a month to go for Dasara-2020, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Civil Contractors Association has warned of stopping all works from Oct. 3 if pending bills are not cleared.

In a press release, Association President Chandrashekariah said that despite repeated pleas to the MCC to clear their long pending bills, the authorities have turned a deaf ear.

With bills pending for long, the contractors are put to a lot of hardship and are unable to carry out other works. As they are unable to repay loans because of long delay in payment, the Banks too are not advancing fresh loans for executing works in hand. In such a situation, the contractors have no option other than stopping works.

The MCC has to pay Rs. 130 crore dues to the contractors since 2017 and with no payment of bills in sight, the contractors are forced to stop works from Oct. 3, the release said.

Asphalt Contractors

Charging the Government of non-payment of long pending bills, civil contractors, who finished works of different Departments on time while also maintaining quality, have urged the Government to clear their bills and thus save them from ruin.

The Mysuru Circle Asphalt Contractors Association President Chandrashekaraiah said that though civil contractors have finished works of PWD Departments in Mysuru, Mandya, Hunsur and Chamarajanagar and also road asphalting, drainage, footpath and other civic works of many Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), the Government is yet to pay the bills for over three years, which has put the contractors into a lot of hardship.

Maintaining that contractors have invested huge sums of money on their infrastructure for executing the works, he said that they are facing a deep financial crisis because of non-payment of bills and their troubles has only been compounded by the fact that no works are awarded to them for the past six months due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Urging for extending license renewal at least for a year on account of Corona crisis, Chandrashekaraiah wanted the Government to clear all pending bills latest by March, 2021. He also urged the Govt. to credit Rs. 5 lakh to the account of Class-1 Contractors and Rs. 2 lakh to other class of contractors, out of the Contractor Benevolent Funds, for which the Govt. has been deducting 0.1 percent from the bills of contractors. He further appealed the Government to waive off interest on all contractor loans till March, 2021.

Liquidation: Objections invited

Mysuru, Sept. 27- As the city's Inchara Housing Co-operative Society has ceased to function for long, the Co-operation Department has appointed the Inspector of Co-operative Societies (Mysuru South) as the Liquidation Officer of the Society.

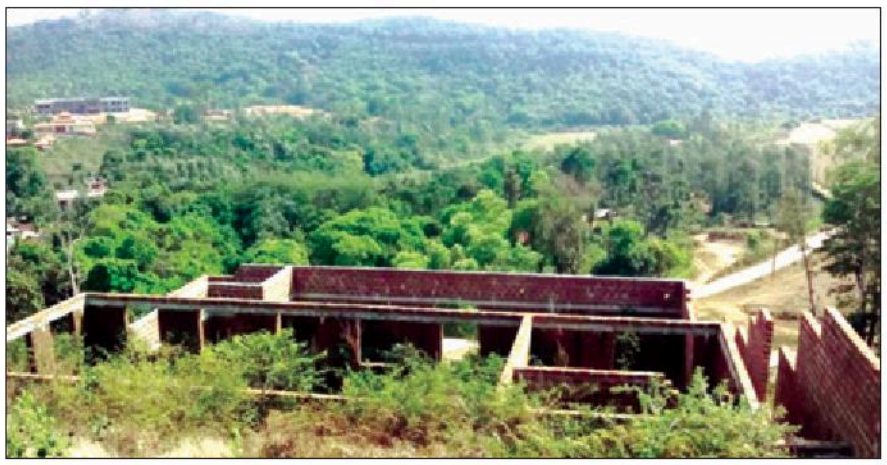
With no member of the Society or any other member of the general public coming forward to revive the Society and also as the Society seems to be of no benefit for its members or other members of the public, the Co-operation Department has decided to terminate the registration of the Society.

But still, any member of the Society or others who have any interest left for reviving the Society, can file objections for the termination of registration, at the office of Assistant Registrar of Co-operation Societies, Mysuru.

Objections received after 15-day deadline or after termination of registration, will not be considered for any reason.

Works on Kodava Heritage Centre

to be completed in 10 months, says Minister



Bengaluru, Sept. 27- Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi said that the works on 'Kodava Heritage Centre' at Vidyanagar near Madikeri, the district headquarters of Kodagu, will be completed in ten months. The project was envisaged by the Government in 2004-05 for introducing the unique *Ainmane* tradition of Kodavas with a museum.

The Kodava Heritage Centre Project features an *Ainmane,* a Hall, a small indoor water pond, an open auditorium, a library, a museum and drinking water facility. The Project is coming up on a 4-acre land at Karavale Badaga village close to Vidyanagar on the outskirts of Madikeri City, near Mahindra Holiday Resort.

Replying to a question by Congress MLC Veena Achaiah in the Legislative Council yesterday on why the project was lying in limbo for long, Ravi assured that all the works on the Heritage Centre will be completed in ten months. Attributing the delay to the lethargic attitude of implementing agencies, change in structure design and multiple revision of

C.T. Ravi

Veena Achaiah

estimate, Ravi said that part of the works have been completed and the rest will be completed at a cost of Rs.97 lakh. The contractor has been asked to finish the works in ten months, he added.

Continuing, Ravi said that the Union Tourism Ministry sanctioned Kodava Heritage Centre in 2004-05, with the project estimated to cost Rs. 88.75 lakh then, following which Rs. 33.54 lakh was released to Jungle Lodges and Resorts, the implementing agency. But the project did not take off and subsequently it was decided to execute the works through the district administration at a cost of Rs.1.45 crore. After administrative approval on Aug.18, 2010, the contract was awarded on Sept.12, 2010 to M.B. Hemashankar of Mysuru, who was asked to finish the works in a year, the Minister said.

Though the project took off, only the walls of the structure came up, amid complaints of poor quality work and improper planning and architecture.

Ravi said that due to doubts about the stability of the structure's foundation, the Government was sought a redesign of the project in 2011. On account of the changed design, the project estimate was revised to Rs.2.68 crore, which was approved by the Government on April 26, 2012. The contractor who resumed the works based on the revised estimate went slow, following which the contractor was served notice a number of times asking him to expedite the project. But as the works were not finished, the contract was terminated on Nov.27, 2018. By the time the contract was terminated, the contractor who was paid Rs.1.68 crore by then, had partially constructed the retaining wall and tiled-roof (Mangaluru tiles). Later, the PWD Chief Engineer submitted a revised estimate of Rs. 3,30,45,110, which received administrative approval on May 27, 2020. The PWD has now been directed to complete the works in ten months, Ravi explained.

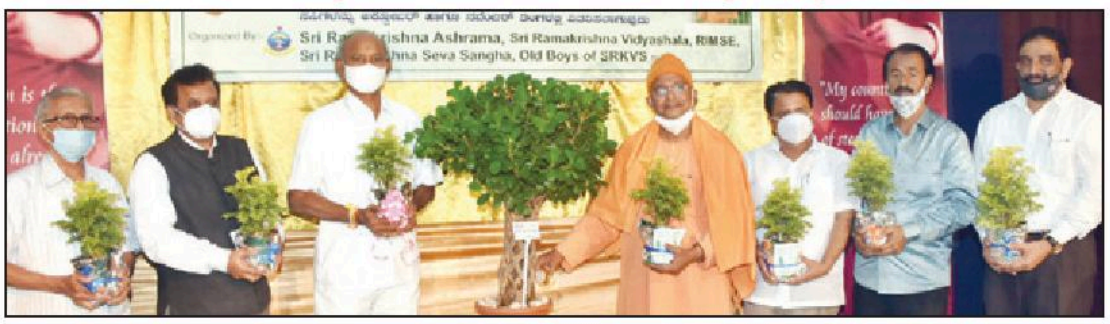
The cost of the Project which was first planned in 2004-05 has gone up from Rs. 88.75 lakh to Rs.3.30 crore in the 15-year period and the people of Kodagu are hoping that the Project will be wholly executed soon and the Heritage Centre becomes a major tourist attraction.

It may be mentioned here that Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy, who is also the District Tourism Development Committee Chairperson, surprised and upset over the undue delay in the execution of the project, held a meeting on Sept. 6, 2020, during which she ordered the officials to expedite the project.

Later Tourism Minister C.T. Ravi held a meeting with officials on Sept.11, when the Minister was shocked to learn that an important tourism project like Kodava Heritage Centre was lying in limbo for the past several years.

Swami Muktidanandaji bemoans objection over Viveka Memorial in city

'Hachha Hasiru Mysuru - Viveka Prabheya Mysuru' launched



Mysuru, Sept. 27 (SPN&DM)- Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, President Swami Muktidanandaji has regretted that some people were coming in the way of constructing the proposed Viveka Memorial at NTM school premises on N.S. Road in the heart of the city.

He was speaking at 'Hachha Hasiru Mysuru - Viveka Prabheya Mysuru', a sapling planting drive organised in memory of Swami Sureshanandaji at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala in Yadavagiri here yesterday.

Pointing out that Sri Ramakrishna Ashram located on KRS road in the city has been selflessly serving the people of Mysuru for 95 years, Swami Muktidanandaji stressed on the need for constructing a Viveka Memorial in Mysuru, where Swami Vivekananda stayed for some days during his tour of South India ahead of travelling to Chicago in USA where he made a historical speech during an all-religion meet. Noting that the then Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, taking part in the 150th Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, had released Rs.5 crore for constructing Viveka Memorial in Mysuru, he regretted that the memorial is yet to come up even after decades.

Stating that despite the hurdles, efforts are going on to construct the memorial at NTM School premises, the Swamiji expressed disappointment that some people were coming in the way of the construction.

He further said that several eminent personalities such as veteran writer Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar, former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chidananda Gowda and writer Malali Vasanthkumar have expressed their full support for the memorial.

Maintaining that the people of Mysuru are eager to see the memorial come up soon, Swami Muktidanandaji highlighted that Viveka Memorial will be a centre for spreading Vivekananda's thoughts among the younger generation. The memorial will educate the people on the life, spiritual thoughts and preachings of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda, he pointed out.

Recalling the efforts of Swami Sureshanandaji for the construction of Ramakrishna Vidyashala, he said that the late Swamiji had great concern for ecology and environment and as part of his birth anniversary, Ramkrishna Ashram has launched the sapling planting drive, during which more than 25,000 saplings will be distributed to households.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev opined that former MP C.H. Vijayashankar should take the lead for constructing the memorial at the spot where Swami Vivekananda had stayed during his visit to Mysuru. Batting for the construction of Sir M. Visvesvaraya statue at KRS dam, he said that he always stands by facts.

K.H. Vinaykumar, Chief Conservator at Environment Management and Policy Research Institute, said that most of the students who studied in Ramkrishna Vidyashala held top positions in the Government. Highlighting the role of Swami Sureshanandaji in the growth of RK Ashram, he said that the sapling distribution is befitting tribute to the late Swamiji.

Former MP C.H. Vijayashankar, former MLA Vasu, Dr. Vamanrao Bapat, Dr. Vasanthkumar Thimakapur, Swami Yukteshanandaji and others were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Limpid

Pronunciation: LIM-pid.
Meaning: Marked by transparency : pellucid; clear and simple in style: absolutely serene and untroubled.
Origin: Since around 1600, limpid has been used in English to describe things that have the soft clearness of pure water. The aquatic connection is not incidental; language scholars believe that limpid probably traces to lympha, a Latin word meaning "water." That same Latin root is also the source of the word lymph, the English name for the pale liquid that helps maintain the body's fluid balance and that removes bacteria from tissues.
Example: "She leaned toward him, entreaty in her eyes, and as he looked at her delicate face and into her pure, limpid eyes, as of old he was struck with his own unworthiness." — Jack London, Martin Eden, 1909.

THE ODD WORD

Labret

Lip ornament.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Like shooting fish in a barrel

Meaning: The phrase like shooting fish in a barrel is a simile that means something is easy to do.
Origin: Examining this phrase creates several questions. The most obvious one is: "How easy is it to shoot fish in a barrel?" The answer depends on a few factors. For example, how big is the barrel? A traditional barrel is large enough to hold 42 gallons of water. The bigger the barrel, the more space the fish would have to move around, making them harder to hit.
Other factors to consider would be: How many fish are in the barrel, and what size are they? If a barrel is filled to the brim with big fish, it would be easy to hit them. On the other hand, if there's only one tiny fish swimming around in there, that would be much more challenging. It's hard to say what kind of circumstances the originator of this phrase had in mind.
Anyways, let's talk about how old this saying is. The earliest one could find it in print is from the Bunbury Herald newspaper, 1912:
"Up to this time it had all been easy as shooting fish in a barrel; but after a while No. 9 would come pounding down from Huntington, and then I knew there would be several kinds of things to pay."

QUOTE BOX

When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain.

—Mark Twain

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Growing economy.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Born Free lioness
5 Newts or newt-like amphibians
9 Female sheep
12 100,000 in our country, especially rupees
13 Chotta Nawab's sister seen in Rang De Basanti
14 Exclude
15 English painter
16 Transvaal capital
18 Fighting force afloat
20 Overhead or above
21 Great Muslim leader
23 Sheet of glass
25 The first number
26 Successful pilots
28 Makes a choice; chooses
32 Air Transport Auxiliary
33 Hormone replacement therapy, abbr.
34 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
35 Flank
37 Egyptian goddess
39 Move fast
40 Pilaff base
42 Prize
44 Used to the limit
47 Con
48 Hissing or sounded with a hiss
51 In a short time
54 Fuss, bother
55 One in Bonn
56 Melody or harmony
57 King in Latin
58 Sketched out
59 God of love

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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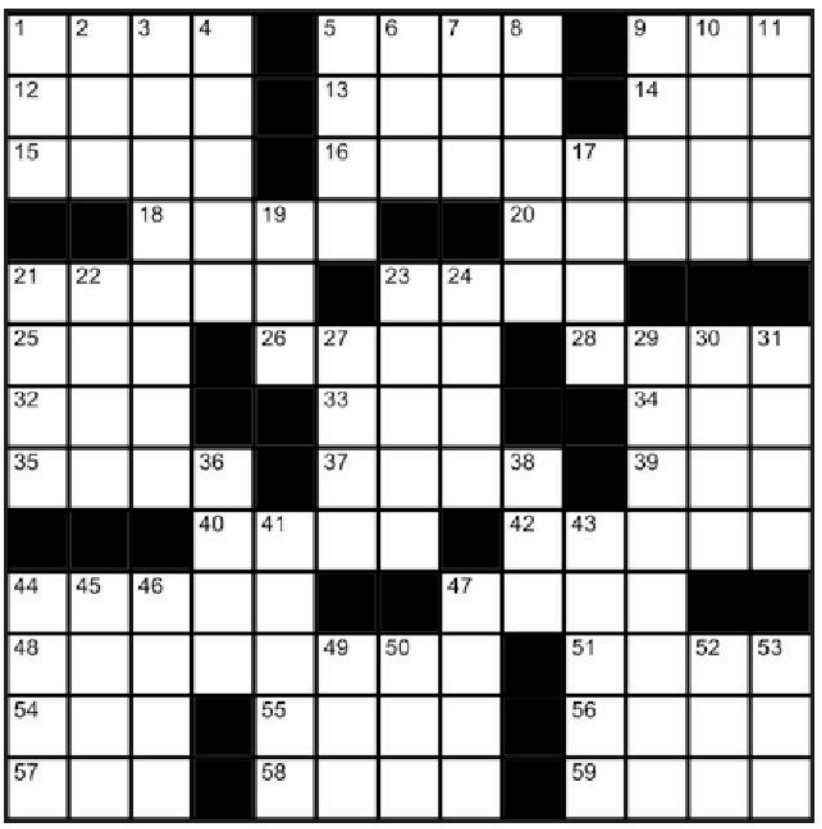
DOWN

1 Grandmaster's rating
2 ___ dog : a small pet dog
3 Young hooligan?
4 In front
5 Get a glimpse of
6 In place of
7 "A", "an" or __?
8 The devil himself
9 Spanish river
10 Stray animal
11 "E" in Q.E.D.
17 Bread spread
19 By way of
21 Extinct flightless birds
22 Against
23 Intrinsically - in Latin? (3,2)
24 Italian wine city
27 Smart and stylish
29 An illicit lover
30 A trip or a journey
31 There is plenty of it by the sea!
36 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
38 Pouchlike structure
41 Sat back and did nothing
43 Fritter away
44 Old time ruler of Russia
45 A military assistant
46 Microsoft's gaming console
47 Boil slowly
49 ____ one's views: say what one has to say openly?
50 Weather-report abbr.
52 Lennon's widow Yoko ____
53 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DGGDPUHRJUF QDSY RDU ZRDAZ, JU GPSYSRUY

JUYSBN KXSR FDH ESOU QDKR UXS QDDP.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

Gill, Morgan keep scorecard ticking as KKR beat SRH

Abu Dhabi, Sept. 27- Shubman Gill and Eoin Morgan starred as Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) secured two points following their seven-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the eighth match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Needing 143 runs to win, KKR lost Sunil Narine in the second over as David Warner held on to a catch off Khaleel Ahmed's bowling. Nitish Rana and Gill, though, scored at a brisk pace, taking on the SRH pacers.

However, their 21-ball 37-run partnership was broken as T. Natarajan dismissed Rana after the left-hander had scored a quickfire 26. Dinesh Karthik was the next man to get out as Rashid Khan got him out LBW soon after KKR crossed their fifty.

With KKR needing a big partnership, Eoin Morgan then joined Gill in the middle.

While the duo did not play too many big shots, they kept the scorecard ticking, with Gill cashing in on every scoring opportunity, and made sure that KKR did not lose any wicket.

In the 13th over, the stylish right-handed batsman brought up his fifty with a four as KKR moved closer to 100.

Two overs later, Gill and Morgan completed fifty-run stand. Morgan then hit a six and a four off Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Rashid respectively.

While Gill, then hit a six off Abhishek Sharma, Morgan, who scored an unbeaten 42, closed out the game, hitting a six and a four to help KKR cross the finish line with two overs to spare.

Earlier, after electing to bat, SRH posted 142/4 on the board on back of Manish Pandey's 51.

KKR kept the things tight in the powerplay. While Jonny Bairstow managed to survive an a caught-behind appeal, courtesy DRS, on the fifth ball of the 4th over, he departed on the next delivery after Pat Cummins disturbed the timber.

Pandey then welcomed Shivam Mavi into the attack, hitting a six in his first over. But KKR largely managed to keep SRH in check as Varun Chakravarthy got his first IPL wicket as he got David Warner out, caught and bowled.

Wriddhiman Saha then joined Pandey in the middle and the two added 62 runs together to push KKR past 120. However, Pandey, soon after bringing up his fifty and looking to add some quick runs, got out in the 18th over as Andre Russell gave their third wicket.

Saha then perished in the final over as KKR managed to restrict SRH to 142/4.

Brief Scores — KKR: 145/3 (Shubman Gill 70*, Eoin Morgan 42*; Rashid Khan 1/25) beat **SRH:** 142/4 (Manish Pandey 51, David Warner 36; Pat Cummins 1/19) by 7 wickets.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (SEPT. 27)

RR Vs KXIP
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 28)

RCB Vs MI
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

SRH 142/4 (20 Overs) lose to **KKR 145/3 (18 Overs)**

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ICC staffers at Dubai test positive for COVID-19

Dubai, Sept. 27 (Agencies)- The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the ICC headquarters in Dubai as few of its staffers have tested positive for the dreaded virus and are in mandatory isolation as per the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) health protocols.

There is a possibility that in order to follow the strict health safety protocols, the ICC headquarters would remain closed for a few days and the staff would work from home, as the entire premises is being sanitised for operations to restart.

However, the good news for all the six IPL teams based out of Dubai is that the ICC Academy grounds are "safe for training" as they are located at a different place, some distance away from the apex body headquarters.

While there was no official communication from the ICC, a Senior Board Member privy to the development confirmed that there has been a few "positive cases", but maintained the Global Body was ready for any eventuality. "It has been managed very well by the ICC as they were prepared considering the second surge of cases in the UAE," the Board official said.

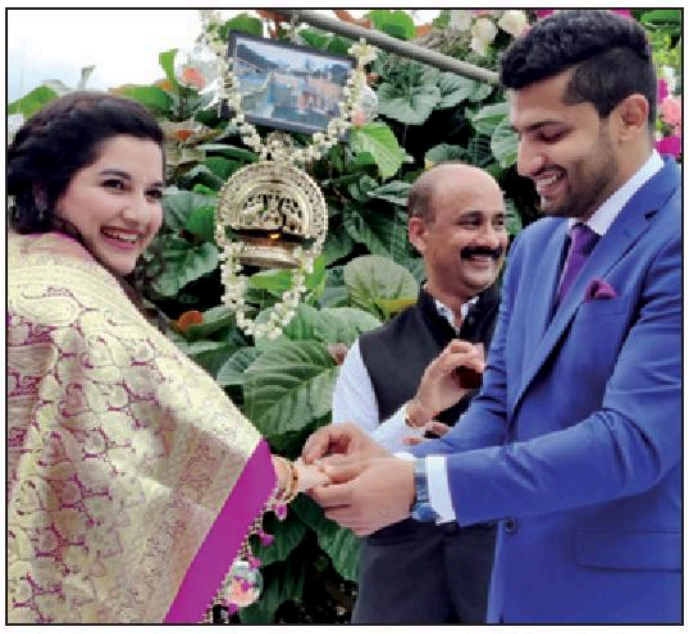
According to information, all affected ICC staff are isolating as per local protocols and those who have been in close contact are also doing the same.

There are currently six IPL teams based out of Dubai and they are using the practice facilities at the ICC Academy grounds located in Dubai Sports City.

"The ICC Academy is perfectly safe because neither it is adjacent to the office headquarters nor are there are any ICC staff who is present at the practice session. So there is no question of any health scare as far as IPL teams are concerned," a Senior Board source said.

Olympian S.K. Uthappa engaged

Wedding this evening at Kodagu Resort



Gonikoppa, Sept. 27- Olympian Sannuvanda Kushalappa (S.K.) Uthappa got engaged to Puttichanda Sanjana at *Yellow Bamboo Resort* in Balaji village, South Kodagu, yesterday. Only family members of the couple and close relatives were part of the simple engagement ceremony and the marriage *(Dampathi Muhurtha)* will be held this evening.

Daughter of Puttichanda Uthappa and Leela couple of Bollarimad village, Sanjana is working at a private firm in Bengaluru.

S.K. Uthappa's father Sannuvanda Kushalappa of Devarapura village, mother Niraj, brother Chinnappa and his wife were present during the engagement.

Uthappa made his international debut in hockey against South Africa in 2012 and scored a total of three goals in the five-match series. He was then picked to play at the 2012 Olympics Qualification Tournament where he exhibited good game. Uthappa captained the side for the first time at the 2016 Asian Champions Trophy in Malaysia, in a league game against Pakistan, in the process of rotation of captaincy the team followed after the 2016 Rio Olympics. His side won the game 3-2. An Ekalavya Awardee, he has played a total of 164 international tournaments.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 27)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Handicrafts Mela, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Outer Ring Road junction, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Rajasthan Grameen Mela:** Expo-cum-sale of dress materials, sarees, handicrafts, etc., Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Forest Department and Asian Elephant Support (AES):** 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu' - Series of webinar through Zoom Meeting [Meeting ID: 993 8807 7334; Passcode: 581092], **5.30 pm.**

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